

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Object To obtain a system and a method for softening a frozen confectionary without applying heat thereto, and then dispensing the same, which make it possible to dispense the frozen confectionary in an appropriately soft state, regardless of the kind of frozen confectionary.

Means for achieving the object The system of the present invention includes therein a bag-shaped container 100 having an outlet port, the bag-shaped container including therein the frozen solid confectionary; a frozen confectionary softening unit 14 for softening the frozen confectionary in the bag-shaped container by application of pressure in the absence of heat application thereto; a dispensing unit 16 for dispensing the frozen confectionary from the outlet port after the frozen confectionary being softened by the pressure application operation to the bag-shaped container 100; a bag-shaped container transporting means 18 for transporting the bag-shaped container 100 to a softening operation and a dispensing operation; a species recognition means 12 for recognizing the species of the frozen confectionary provided in the bag-shaped container 100; and a control unit 20 for controlling the frozen confectionary softening unit so as to function based on appropriate pre-stored conditions for the softening operation, depending on the recognized species of the frozen confectionary, in the absence of heat application.